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Special points of interest:

- Next meeting: Sat. Dec.13 Hill Country Bible Church, NW (see map on page 3)
- Next big event: Skeptics Forum, tentatively set for April 2009.

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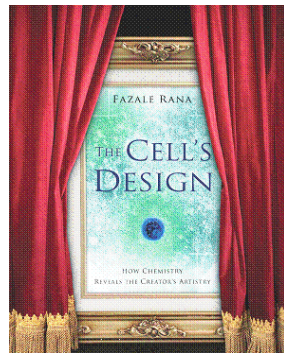
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More than 500 turnout for Fuz Rana Visit to Austin

RTB scholar and bio-chemist Dr. Fuz Rana made several appearances here unveiling his new book, *The Cell's Design: How Chemistry Reveals the Creator's Artistry*.



Fuz met with more than 40 life science university faculty and students near the UT cam-

pus on Saturday, October 18 to present the more technical version of his talk and to an-



swer questions. See photo of Fuz above.

The talk was well received. No one dis-

puted his facts. The discussion that followed reflected the ongoing debate between the role of Darwinian evolution in the clear presence of high tech-design.

The next evening some 450 members of the public turned out for his talk. We thank Hill Country Bible Church, Hill House, and Faculty Commons for their help in this our first major event.



Coordinator's Corner

My wife and I are not cruisers—at least the Caribbean-luxury-ship type cruisers. I had enough heat and humidity growing up in the Houston area and I am not fond of seasickness.

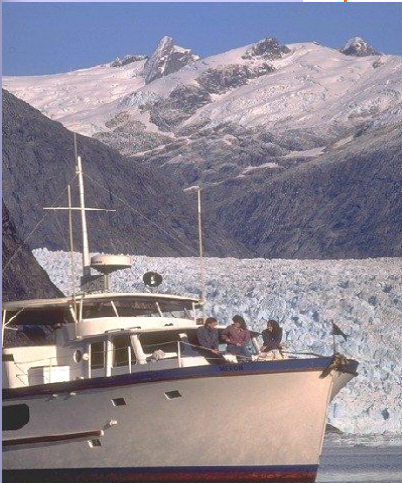
We would rather spend our vacation money on

trips to the Colorado Rockies, or perhaps someday going to Alaska.

Usually when we go the mountains, I go hiking up in the glaciers and take along the latest scintillating (to me anyway) science apologetic books.

When I heard about RTB's August 8-15, 2009 Alaskan Inland Passage cruise with informal lectures by Dr. Ross and the other scholars, I realized I could get Alaska, glaciers, and intellectual scintillation all in one package!

For little more than



Same scenery
but RTB
cruise ship
will be bigger!

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Coordinator’s Corner (Continued)

\$3000 my wife and I will see the awesome majesty of the massive glaciers, tour Alaskan towns on foot, hear from and mingle with first rate scientists providing

new cutting-edge evi-

dences affirming the Christian faith.

I will have brochures at our next chapter meeting on Dec. 13 (10 am at Hill Country Bible Church) .

If you are concerned

about getting a berth on board and don’t want to wait, I would recommend that you check this cruise and sign up on line at www.inspirationcruises.com.

Name that Heavenly Feature



God’s artistry and design is not only apparent inside the cell as Fuz told us last month, but is also apparent at the opposite extreme. In our first issue, we showed a remarkable structure that Hubble space telescope scientists have come to refer to as God’s Eye. Does anyone know the name they have given this structure? First one to identify it gets a star named after them! 😊

How Radiometric Dating Supports Biblical Inerrancy —By Bob Davis

Young Earth Creationists fiercely oppose radiometric dating (e.g., Carbon 14 or U 238) because it undermines their contention that the world is only 6000 years old. However, in doing so they are undermining a scientific tool that is being used to support the historicity of the Bible.

Following are two of many examples.

Fall of Jericho (Joshua 6)

Several teams of archeologists have found

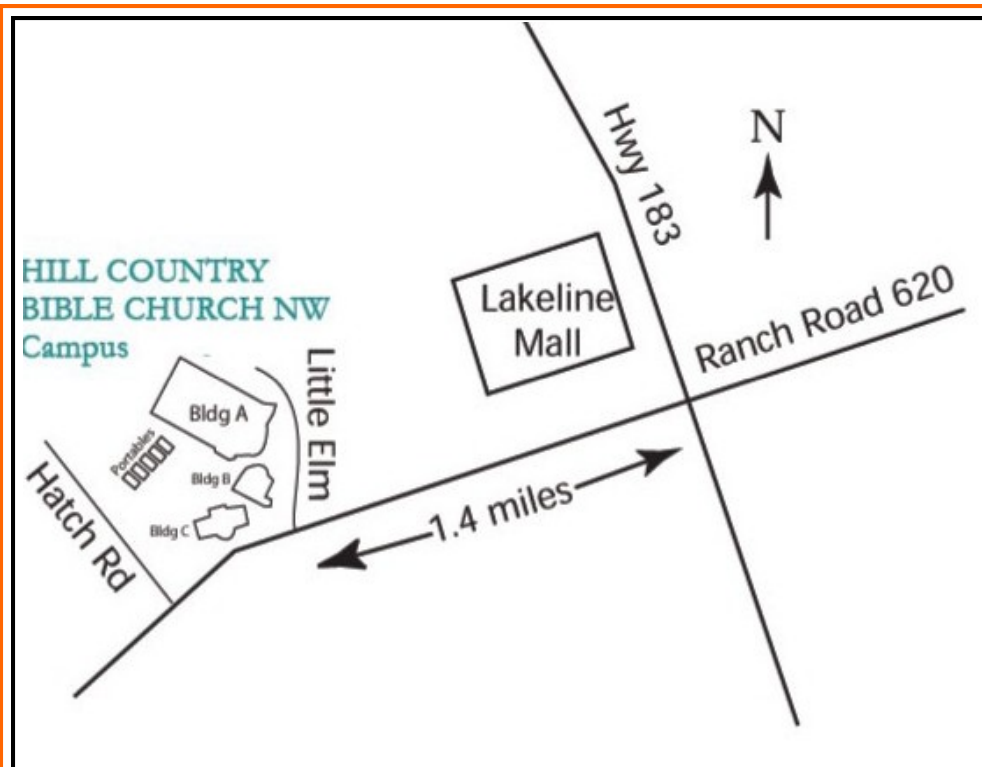
some strong support that the ancient city of Jericho did, in fact, fall suddenly to an invader, and that the walls fell outward, not inward, as one might suspect from a long siege.

But leaders of the first two of the three teams of archeologists to investigate Jericho in the early and mid-1900s, attributed the falling of the walls to an earthquake and, most importantly, indicated that the destruction of Jericho occurred in 1550 BC. This date would have

been about 150 years *before* the Bible indicates that Joshua arrived on the scene, thus casting doubt on the biblical account.

The date estimation was made primarily on the basis of pottery style. A recent investigator came up with several reasons to doubt the 1550 BC date. One of these was the carbon-14 dating of charcoal found in the ruins of the burnt city. The carbon dating showed the fire occurred in about 1410 BC—very

Directions to our Meeting Place



Our meetings will be every second Saturday of the month at Hill Country Bible Church NW. We start at 10 am and finish by noon.

See map to right.

We are on the fourth floor of Building A. Go in east entrance (look for RTB sign) and take elevator to fourth floor.

Radiometric Dating (Con't)

near the estimated biblical date of about 1400 BC.

Construction of the Siloam Tunnel (II Chronicles 32 and II Kings 20)

The biblical dates for the reign of King Hezekiah are believed to be 727 BC to 698 BC. In II Chronicles 32 is the account of the invasion of Judah by King Sennacherib of Assyria.

To divert the water from the Gihon Springs outside the city gates to a pool inside the gates, Hezekiah order a tunnel built. This would inconvenience the Assyrian army and provide water to Jerusalem during the expected long siege. Liberal critics had maintained that the Siloam

tunnel which still carries water inside the walls of Old Jerusalem had not been constructed until the year 2 BC.

To resolve the dispute between the scholars who supported the biblical date and the liberal critics, Amos Frumkin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem employed thorium and carbon dating techniques on a plant found in the cemented tunnel waterproof lining.

The date of 700 BC conforms to the biblical date. The historicity of the Bible was upheld again by radiometric dating techniques.

Properly interpreted, the Word of God and facts of nature will agree because they have the same Author.

Come to our next meeting on Dec. 13 to learn how you can play a role as we transition from a "network" to a full fledged RTB Chapter. We have positions to fill with real responsibility, but with sufficient spreading out of the work load to avoid anyone having to spend more than a few hours each month.

There is training available and meaningful opportunities to serve in local apologetics.

All of our apologetics work should :

- 1) be for the glory of God,
- 2) to pre-evangelize those who cannot accept the claims of Christ because they do not believe in God or His word, and
- 3) to strengthen believers who undergo their own season of doubts or who want to reach out to others.